

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

THOMAS G. COOPER *et al.*

Application No.: 10/726,795

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: FLEXIBLE WRIST FOR
SURGICAL TOOL

Examiner: Vi X. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3731

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98****MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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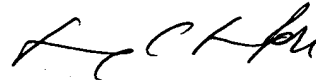
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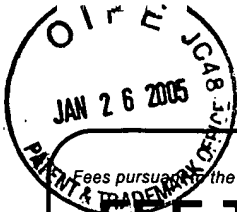
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FEE TRANSMITTAL
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	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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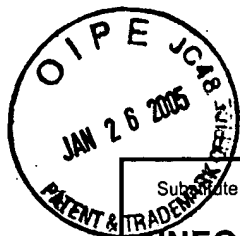
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